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SUBJECT: PM MEIR'S BUSY MONDAY IN LONDON

1. STARTING 0830 NOVEMBER 12, PM MEIR SAW GROUP OF BRITISH JEWISH LEADERS, HELD PRESS CONFERENCE, MET WITH ISRAEL-BRITAIN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, AND TALKED WITH PM HEATH AT 1400. ISRAELI EMBOFF TOLD US HE HAD NEVER SEEN HER LOOKING HEALTHIER.

2. PRESS CONFERENCE FOCUSED ON MEIR'S CONCERN FOR ISRAELI POW'S HELD BY SYRIA. MEIR WAS ELUSIVE ON MOST OTHER QUESTIONS (JERUSALEM, SHARM-EL-SHEIK, NEGOTIATING PROCEDURES, ETC.) LEAVING MOST PRESSMEN WE HAVE READ
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WITH IMPRESSION ISRAEL'S BASIC POSITIONS HAVE NOT

CHANGED BUT MEIR CAREFUL NOT TO EXCLUDE POSSIBLE OPTIONS.

3. ISRAELI EMBOFF TOLD US SHE HAD NOT BEEN AS EFFECTIVE AS HE HAD HOPED IN PRESS CONFERENCE AND HE REGRETTED SHE HAD GOTTEN INTO AN ARGUMENT WITH ONE CORRESPONDENT OVER BORDERS AND JERUSALEM IN PARTICULAR. THAT CORRESPONDENT (KEATLEY OF THE GUARDIAN) WROTE ARTICLE NEXT DAY DOUBTING THAT ISRAEL WAS REALLY WILLING TO CONSIDER ALL OPTIONS IN ANY FUTURE NEGOTIATION AS MRS. MEIR SAID.

4. IN ALL MEETINGS MEIR MADE POINT THAT IT IS CONTRARY TO PAST PRACTICE OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL TO ISSUE COMMUNIQUE AT CONCLUSION OF MEETINGS AND THAT HER ONLY WISH HAD BEEN TO PRESENT ISRAEL'S VIEWS TO THESE LEADERS. SOME COMMENTATORS THOUGHT THIS SMACKED OF SOUR GRAPES, IN VIEW RESISTANCE TO HER EFFORTS EXHIBITED BY SOCIALIST LEADERS (LONDON'S 13266 NOTAL).

5. MEIR-HEATH CONVERSATION REPORTED SEPARATELY.

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